# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3569
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2002
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE FOR RAILWAYS
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested forsetting up a Centre for Information Technology for the Railways at the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA )

(a) to (c) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3569 BY SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.12.2002 REGARDING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTRE FOR RAILWAYS

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The International Institute of Information Technology, Gachibowli, Hyderabad (IIIT), has proposedthe setting up of a "Research Centre at IIIT for Collaborative Developmentof Information Technology for Railways". The proposed centre would comprise one or more interdisciplinary teams, each consisting of IIIT faculty, research staff and students, and domain experts visiting from the Railways. The entire cost of running the Centre would be charged to the funds provided by Railways, and continuation of funding would be tied to the result of regularly performed evaluations of the Centre's achievements. The Centre would take up projects specificto the IT needs of the Railways. Approximate initial cost would be about Rs. 3 crores and recurring costs would be approximately Rs. 1.2 crores per annum.

(c) : A team from Railways has visited IIITand held discussions. The team has submitted its report. Thereafter, the high-level Task Force on IT set-up by the Ministry of Railways has examined the above proposal. The Committeehas made its recommendations in the matter, which are under consideration of the Railway Board.